

REMARKS

Claims 6-11, 20-28, 31-33, 39-43, 49-53, 55, 57, 60, 61, 64, 65, and 72-77 are pending in the application. Claims 9 and 23 have been amended. Support for the amendments and new claims can be found in the specification at, e.g., page 24, line 8, to page 25, line 5. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

At page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 31-33 are allowable and that claims 8, 22, 60, 61, 64, 65, and 74-77 are objected to for being dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of the amendments and remarks presented herein, applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st Paragraph

At pages 2-5 of the Office Action, claims 6, 7, 9-11, 20, 21, 23-28, 39-43, 49-53, 55, 57, 72, and 73 were rejected as allegedly not enabled and not described in the specification in such a way as to convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors had possession of the claimed invention at the time the application was filed.

These rejections were discussed during the telephone interviews of November 30, 2006 and January 22, 2007. No agreement was reached during the November 30, 2006 telephone interview. However, during the January 22, 2007 interview, the Examiner stated that the rejections would be overcome by deleting the following phrase from claims 9 and 23: "a heavy chain monomer, a heavy chain dimer, a heavy chain trimer, a light chain monomer, a light chain dimer, a light chain trimer, or a dimer consisting of one heavy and one light chain." In addition, the Examiner agreed that the rejections as applied to the independent claims and the remaining dependent claims would be withdrawn. In order to expedite prosecution of the application, claims 9 and 23 have each been amended by the present response to delete the above-quoted

phrase. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled subject matter in a separately-filed continuation application

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections.

CONCLUSIONS

Applicants submit that all grounds for rejection have been overcome, and that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

Enclosed is a Petition for Three Month Extension of Time. The extension of time fee in the amount of \$510 is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 10797-004005.

Respectfully submitted,

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